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1. DUE TO PRESS OF BUSINESS WHICH HAS FORCED HIM REMAIN
IN CANBERRA, MINISTER HOWARD WILL NOT HEAD AUSTRALIAN
DELEGATION TO ADB MEETING IN VIENNA AND IMF INTERIM
COMMITTEE MEETING IN MEXICO CITY. INSTEAD, HIS PLACE
WILL BE TAKEN AT BOTH MEETINGS BY MINISTER OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY,
IAN SINCLAIR.

2. AUSTRALIANS WELCOME CHANCE TO MEET WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, C. FRED
BERGSTEN, AND TO DISCUSS ITEMS RAISED IN REFTEL C. WE HAVE
ALSO INDICATED TO AUSTRALIANS THAT BERGSTEN EXPECTS TO
RAISE WITH AUSTRALIANS QUESTION OF AUSTRALIAN POSITION ON
COMMON FUND (IN THIS CONNECTION, SEE ALSO REFTEL B).

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3. AUSTRALIANS HAVE TOLD US THAT THERE MAY BE SOME DIFFICULTY
IN TIMING OF MEETING AS PROPOSED IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL A,
AS AUSTRALIAN GOVERNOR (I.E. SINCLAIR) DUE TO MAKE HIS
FORMAL SPEECH ON AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY, APRIL 25 AND
CANBERRA NOT YET SURE OF TIMING. AUSTRALIAN TREASURY
HAS STATED THAT IT WILL CABLE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN
VIENNA AND SUGGEST THAT IT COORDINATE TIMING OF MEETING

WITH USDEL.
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